

I oppose the efforts to make the DC ADIZ permanent. The ADIZ has been a spectacular failure. The situation has been so bad that my Virginia corporation had to move its aircraft to Hagerstown in order to operate without unpredictable and unacceptable delays and diversions. The FAA failed to properly train pilots, controllers, and FSS specialists. The FAA failed to properly staff FSS and Air Traffic Control facilities to handle the increased volume. The FAA is discriminating against general aviation while continuing to allow commercial flight (the only aircraft actually used by terrorists) operations inside the FRZ all with our taxpayer dollars. Lapses by the FAA have nearly resulted in the shooting down of innocent aircraft. And every single one of these issues persist after the "temporary" zone has been in place. The FAA has proposed no meaningful changes to their procedures to remedy these problems yet is proceeding to make the ADIZ permanent. Judging by the dates on the docket this plan was hatched over 18 months ago.

The original prohibited area with the Class B airspace is more than sufficient to provide an identical level of protection as the temporary ADIZ. Frankly the FAA's efforts with the ADIZ and the insane reaction to incursions have placed far more people at risk for no reason. Now terrorists just have to wait outside government facilities and pick off VIPs at their leisure just by launching a hand glider over DC. No more need to try and drive past the barriers with their exploding vehicles - all courtesy of the FAA.

The FAA cannot make the current situation permanent and continue to provide preferential and unequal treatment to commercial airlines. If they do then National Airport will have to operate without taxpayer dollars.